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The World's Debt to the Christmas Story.

The following paper was written and read by Judge H. C. Baker, of this place, at the union Christmas services, held at the Presbyterian church, Sunday evening, the 25th of December, 1910:

The subject which has been assigned to me this evening is so comprehensive, and embraces so much in its relation to man's temporal and eternal interests, that I am at a loss to know where to begin, or in what language to speak. In millions of hearts to day all over the earth, there is that gladness of Christmas time, which comes on no other day in all the year, shared by prattling babes, by innocent and artless youth, by young manhood and maidenhood, as well as by those upon whom the frost of the winters of long years have gathered; and all alike, in some degree, partake of its spirit.

It is a day of remembering and being remembered, of giving and receiving; of the exchange of the tokens of affection; of messages of love from absent ones, and if friendships are not a little closer, and love a little tenderer, and goodwill a little more pervading than at other times, the evidences of them are at least, more manifest.

Nations have days for the celebration of events peculiar to themselves, but this day belongs to no country, and no age exclusively. It is a world day, and for each generation of the earth. It commemorates a world event, one which interested heaven as it did the earth; an event which has its relation to the time that is, and has been, and to the eternity beyond.

The story of Christmas is the story of the babe of Bethlehem, of His birth, His after years of teaching and ministering to human suffering, His cruel death upon the cross, and His ascension into heaven. Nothing like it in interest and importance to our race has been or can be, until He comes again in power and glory to judge the world. It is a story so pathetic, so tragic, and so touching in its details, that even if it were no more than mere human history, it would ever excite the deepest interest, and appeal to the tenderest sympathies of mankind. But it is more than that, it is the story of the life of God incarnate, and of His plan for man's redemption from the curse of sin. It gives an answer to the question of Job, "If a man die shall he live again?" It tells, not in the language of philosophers with ifs and doubts, but clearly and positively, that the soul is immortal, and that man, after his brief existence here, continues to live. Christ is the revelation of immortality to man.

It is beyond all else, the story of love, of God's love to man, and of its enthronement in the heart, love to God, and love to man. Love came down from heaven with the babe in the manger. He came to establish the kingdom of love, a kingdom of righteousness, and peace and joy. It was to be an everlasting kingdom, "Extending from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of the earth."

"His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His dominion from generation to generation."

This story awakens, and brings into exercise, the best that is in the nature of man. It has been the incentive to the highest and best efforts for the material progress of the world, for its enlightenment, its advance in the arts and sciences, in invention, and in the social amelioration of the race.

It has elevated woman from a position of slavish degradation to one of honor and freedom, and given sacredness to childhood and maternity.

It teaches, as the world had not known, the brotherhood of man. The world has been slow to learn its meaning, as taught by the Master. I am not sure that we yet understand it as we should. The Jew in his exclusiveness, believing that he was the chosen one, and that all others were outside the kingdom, would not accept it. God was the God of the Jews, and not of others. He, the proud Pharisee, was not like other men, especially he congratulated himself, that he was not like, but was much better than the despised publican across the way. Christ taught a different lesson. He taught that the publican was a brother, and that he should receive help and sympathy as such.

Permit me to ask, as we as free of the spirit of the Jew as we should be? Have we in this closing year of our Lord 1910, freed ourselves from this exclusiveness? Has the Christian world caught the message of peace and good will in all its import? Have we relieved ourselves altogether from the prejudice which we condemn in the Jew of the long ago? I fear we have not, although I realize that we read the message with a clearer vision than we did even a few years ago. We are standing upon higher and broader ground to-day than at any time in the past. There is more of union of heart, and sentiment and purpose, than ever before.

fore. The scope of our vision has widened, and we see each other in a clearer light. There was a time, and it has not been a great while, when the denominational wall was high between us, so high that it took two strong arms to lift us high enough to see and greet a brother on the other side. The wall is being torn away these later days, it is being removed in the foreign missionary fields, and with a little more grace, it will be removed at home. We will learn that what works badly in mission fields is not a good thing elsewhere.

The spirit of the Christmas story, which is the Christ spirit, is in the air and in the hearts of Christian men and women as it has not been in the past. They are minimizing differences, and looking for common ground to stand upon. They feel the need for co-operation and harmony, and unity of action, as well as purpose. The church Federation movement is the outgrowth of this spirit, and it is one of the great forward movements of the age. May it not mean that we are approaching the time when there shall be the realization of the prayer of the Savior, so full of tenderness and love. "Neither pray I for these alone but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; that they may be one; as Thou, Father, art in me, and I in Thee, that they may also be one in us, that the world may believe that Thou hast sent me." Does it not seem from these closing words, that He, with prophetic eye, looking down the centuries, saw the division and jealousies of His disciples, and realized, that while they continued, the world would not believe His message? And if this be true is it not a terrible responsibility resting upon His followers, that they have thus been stumbling blocks to the world's conversion.

The Christmas story is the story of the beginning of the kingdom of peace, for peace and love abide together.

Love, peace, and joy, this was the message of the angel to the shepherds of the plains, this was the song of the heavenly host, and this was the mission of the Bethlehem babe.

As the church is turning its thoughts in the spirit of unity, to the world's evangelization, and to the means for its accomplishment, so the minds of our greatest men are dealing with the problems of the world's peace. We are talking of disarmament, of international courts, and of ways to preserve peace among nations. Only a few days ago, one man gave over eleven million dollars to be used in this cause. It was a generous gift, and I doubt not the Prince of Peace was behind it, for God works by human instrumentalities in the accomplishment of his great purposes.

When peace shall come in all of its fullness into the hearts of men, "The peace that passeth all understanding," then shall be fulfilled the prophecy, "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

That we have not attained to this condition is due to the fact that the world has not been willing to accept the message of peace in the breadth and fullness of the offer.

Is there something in this Christmas story for us as individuals? Are our hearts responsive to the promptings of its spirit? Have we learned the lesson that it teaches? That life well lived, is duty done; duty is service; and the highest service we can render to God, and the most acceptable to Him, is service to our fellowman.

New Firm.

Mr. J. N. Coffey, who has been a very successful merchant in this place for ten or twelve years, sold his interest in the store of Coffey & Patteson, last week, to Mr. S. G. Denny. The inventory has been taken and Mr. Denny is now a full partner of Mr. J. F. Patteson. They will continue the business at the same stand, the style of the firm being Patteson & Denny. Some years ago Mr. Denny removed from Clinton county to Adair, making many friends since located here. Every body knows Jo Patteson to be a high gentleman, and we predict that the new firm will do a good business. Mr. Coffey will have the best wishes of all his former customers in whatever business he may undertake.

Death in Roaring Fire.

may not result from the work of fire bugs, but often severe burns are caused that make a quick need for Bucklen's Arnica Salve, the quickest, surest cure for burns, wounds, bruises, boils, sores. It subdues inflammation. It kills pain. It soothes and heals. Drives off skin eruptions, ulcers or piles. Only 25c at Paul Drug Co.

Monday was county court. A fair crowd in town and business reasonably good.

THE PIANO CONTEST.

How the Candidates Stand at the End of the Sixth Week's Voting.

COUNTERS, J. W. FLOWERS, BRUCE MONTGOMERY AND ROBERT REED.

Ballots cast in Piano contest to Monday night, 7 p.m., Jan. 2, 1910.

Nellie Follis, Columbia.....	283 000
Rose Hunn, Columbia.....	246 825
Julia Price, Bliss.....	199 675
Bell Butler, Columbia.....	152 625
Alva Knight, Jamestown.....	151 200
Mrs. J. C. Browning, Milltown.....	148 825
Ethel Moore, Purdy.....	144 200
Mary Squires, Columbia.....	127 950
Ada Feese, Cane Valley.....	117 700
Madge Rosenfield, Columbia.....	115 600
Nora Bradshaw, Montpelier.....	113 600
Ella Conover, Columbia.....	102 000
Rosa Bell, Nell.....	88 100
Fannie Sandusky, Glensfork.....	83 875
Allie Garnett, Columbia.....	55 800
Grace Dudley, Glensfork.....	54 600
Nellie Waggener, Columbia.....	54 425
Creel Nell, Gradyville.....	54 200
Lucile Winfrey, Columbia.....	48 400
Rosa May Conover, Montpelier.....	47 700
Nancy Willis, Columbia.....	43 700
Mary Miller, Columbia.....	43 200
Mrs. C. M. Russell, Columbia.....	42 400
Lois Hollady, Columbia.....	41 900
Lutjje Barger, Joppa.....	39 900
Helen Upton, Glensfork.....	39 600
Ina Hulse, Columbia.....	37 900
Mrs. Dan Clark, Columbia.....	37 325
Virgie McLean, Columbia.....	33 900
Estelle Bennett, Purdy.....	33 000
Hulda McFarland, Rowena.....	32 800
Minnie Rodgers, Milltown.....	31 900
Louise Grissom, Columbia.....	31 600
Mrs. B. M. Currie, Columbia.....	30 200
Mattie Hatcher, Milltown.....	28 800
Mabel Hindman, Columbia.....	27 550
Zella Fields, Breeding.....	26 300
Lee Vista Royse, Columbia.....	20 200
Mallie Moss, Columbia.....	17 700
Bettie Loy, Fairplay.....	16 600
Lula Royse, Garlin.....	13 800
Mrs. Sallie Kelley, Cane Valley.....	9 300
Mattie Gibson, Breeding.....	9 100
Annie L. Blakeman, Milltown.....	8 500
Mary Caldwell, Milltown.....	7 150
Valeria Turner, Glenville.....	3 900

Married.

Mr. Perry Cundiff, one of Adair county's best young men, and Miss Mattie Smith a very excellent young lady, both living in the Pelham neighborhood, were married Wednesday of last week. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

To the Public.

Beginning the first day of the month, I will allow no goods to leave my commission house until the charges are paid. I will not longer do a credit business. Sam Lewis.

The wedding of Mr. G. R. Reed to Miss Frances W. Jones was a very beautiful affair. The Baptist church was crowded with friends to witness the solemn and impressive ceremony which was pronounced by Rev. J. P. Scruggs, and the entire wedding party, heretofore announced, looked their best. Mr. and Mrs. Reed returned from Louisville Saturday night and are now at their home on Greensburg street.

Mrs. J. P. Jasper met with a very painful accident one day last week. She was passing from the hotel to Russell & Co's store, and between the Citizens Bank and Mr. Sam Lewis' place of business, she slipped and fell and was considerably bruised, and has not been able to leave her home since.

There are six men in Columbia who have seen Christmas many times—Mr. James Bryant ninety-one; Mr. Henry Farleigh, eighty-five; Uncle Sol mon Turpen eighty-six; Mr. H. N. Smythe eighty-three; Squire John Eubank eighty-one and Mr. John T. Barbee seventy-nine.

All our accounts are due Jan. 1, 1911, we expect you to settle up.

Russell & Co.

It will be remembered that two weeks ago Clay Wilson, who lives in the lower end of the county, shot into a crowd of boys who were rocking his premises. Alvin Sneed was in the number and he received the contents of a shotgun, but was not dangerously hurt. Last Wednesday Wilson was before Judge Moss, charged with malicious shooting, but he was promptly acquitted.

There was some horses and mules on the market Monday, but only a few sold.

Masonic Elections.

The following lodges, who elected officers for the ensuing year on the 27th of December, have sent in reports:

COLUMBIA LODGE, NO. 96.

C. S. Harris, W. M.
R. H. Durham, S. W.
J. R. Garnett, J. W.
A. D. Patteson, Treas.
S. F. White, Secretary.
J. A. Willis, Tiler.

Senior and Junior Deacons and Stewards will be appointed at the next meeting.

NEATSVILLE LODGE, NO. 705.

W. R. Lynn, W. M.
T. A. W. Rich, S. W.
M. L. Burton, J. W.
C. W. Bryant, Treas.
I. C. Harmon, Sec'y.
J. R. Jones, Tiler.
J. M. Perryman, S. D.
J. M. Rich, J. D.

GLENSFORK LODGE, NO. 528.

W. A. Garnett, W. M.
J. W. Marshall, S. W.
Arthur Fletcher, J. W.
H. K. Walkup, Treas.
H. K. Taylor, Sec'y.
W. L. Brockman, S. D.
S. I. Blair, J. D.
C. A. Walker, Tiler.

BREEDING LODGE, NO. 516.

F. A. Strange, W. M.
L. Akin, S. W.
G. G. Campbell, J. W.
G. W. Curry, Treas.
X. W. Scott, Sec'y.
C. W. Roberts, Tiler.
John Patterson, S. D.
H. F. Gaston, J. D.
J. R. Gaston, Chaplain.

JAMESTOWN LODGE,

W. A. Brown, W. M.
J. R. Holt, S. W.
L. E. Bernard, J. W.
G. F. Jones, Treas.
H. H. Dunbar, Sec'y.
J. W. Mitchell, S. D.
Elith Collins, J. D.
J. F. Virgiles, Tiler.
W. S. Knight, Stewards.
W. R. Rogers.

Mr. Bruce Taylor has removed from Metcalfe county to this place, and is occupying a cottage owned by Mr. W. L. Walker, on Frazer Avenue. We welcome this family to our community.

The Banquet.

The Modern Woodmen of America, a fraternal and insurance order, organized in this place the first of last April with a small membership, has prospered from its incipency, being at this time forty-five affiliating members with flattering prospects for many more additions. A few weeks ago the members concluded to have a banquet, gather around the festal board, enjoy table talks and partake of an elegant repast. The Hancock Hotel was selected, and the time was last Friday evening at 8:30. Nearly all the members were present, and about two hours were spent in partaking of the many good things which had been prepared by Mr. Hancock and her assistants. There were three courses, short and appropriate talks being made at intervals, Jo Russell being the Toast Master. It was an evening of enjoyment, an occasion that will long be remembered, one that calls for another, and sometime during this year there will be another gathering on a more elaborate scale, to which the Woodmen's wives, daughters and sweethearts will be invited.

Reduction Sale.

For the month of January, for cash only, I will sell you groceries at reduced prices. Call and get prices. Geo. E. Wilson.

Remarkable fox Chase.

Mr. Killis Tarter reports that one of the best and most interesting fox chases that was ever pulled off in Adair county, occurred last Saturday, beginning at 5 o'clock that morning and continuing till 11 a. m. Sunday. There were about 25 hounds, and covered a distance of full 560 miles according to the best estimate obtainable. Quite a number dropped out, but eight stayed in till the close. The fox was lost by a heavy rain. This chase occurred in the Sparksville and Rock Lick section of the county, and a large number of people enjoyed it.

Take Notice.

If you owe me an account, I must ask you to call and settle. If I do not hear from you, I will be compelled to place your account in the hands of an officer for collection, as I must collect my accounts to meet my obligations. All will be served alike. Geo. E. Wilson.

Mr. Geo. T. Flowers, Jr., has sold his residence, on Greensburg street, to Miss Pearl Hindman. Consideration, private. Mr. Flowers and family will remove to Wayne county some time this month. Their departure from Columbia will be generally regretted. Mr. Flowers is a fine citizen, having a most excellent wife and two interesting children.

I will be in Columbia on Monday Jan. 9th, for the purpose of buying mules 4 to 10 years old, 14 to 16 hands high. Will pay the highest market price. Henry Atsheler.

Miss Ruth Paull entertained the younger set last Friday evening with a tackey party. Nearly all the girls and boys of town were present and they had a jolly time. A prize was offered for the tackiest dressed boy and the tackiest dressed girl. The winners were Ralph Hurt and Martha Crawford. There were many very amusing costumes. Miss Ruth was at her best and entertained most charmingly.

Program.

Program for a special meeting to be held at the Christian church the second Sunday in January 1911.

MORNING SERVICE—11 O'CLOCK

1. Is the Bible School for Men?—Dr. U. L. Taylor.
2. How can we enlist and hold the men in the Bible school?—Olie Taylor.
3. The Personal Character of the Teacher, and his or her ability to teach.—Farris.
4. The Organized Adult Bible Class—Horace Jeffries.
5. The Front Rank Bible School—Z. T. Williams.

It is desired that this day be a rally day for the church. Every member being present if possible. Also a day for men, that every man who is a member of the church or in sympathy with it may become a member of the Bible School.

The handsomest Calendar of all is the one sent out by the National Stockman and Farmer, Pittsburg, Pa. It will be sent to any one who will send 10 cents to pay package and postage. Send for it.

Bring your mules, from 4 to 10 years old, to Columbia next Monday. Henry Atsheler will be here to buy them.

Death of a Well-known Physician.

Dr. W. T. Grissom, a well-known physician of this county, who resided at Bliss, four miles from Columbia, died at his late home Sunday night at eleven o'clock. His death was not unexpected, as he had been sorely afflicted for more than a year. The beginning of his affliction was a stroke of paralysis, and he gradually declined until the end came.

The deceased was fifty-eight years old and was born and reared where he died—lived there his entire life except one year spent in Missouri.

He had been a successful practitioner for about thirty-four years, and was very much liked by the people with whom he associated.

He was the oldest son of the late B. B. Grissom, and was a nephew of Dr. W. R. Grissom, of this place.

When quite a young man, the deceased confessed his faith in Christ, and for many years had been a consistent member of the Presbyterian church. He was also a devoted Mason, a member of Gradyville Lodge and Columbia Chapter, R. A. M. No. 7.

The funeral services were held in this place, this (Tuesday) morning, conducted by Revs. W. H. C. Sandidge and J. R. Crawford.

After the religious exercises the body was conveyed to the city cemetery by the Masonic Fraternity, and there buried with the usual formalities of the order, Columbia Lodge, No. 96, assisting Gradyville Lodge in the exercises.

A large number of friends attended in testimony of the esteem in which the deceased was held. In the passing of Dr. Grissom his church has lost a devoted member, the Masonic Fraternity a zealous Mason, and the county an excellent citizen, the wife and children a faithful and devoted husband and father.

Public Sale.

On Monday, the first day of Circuit court, I will sell, at my residence, all my household goods, consisting of 2 dressers; 1 sideboard, a range cook stove, dining room chairs and table, several bedsteads, mattresses, springs, and many other articles necessary in house keeping. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, a. m. 9-2t Geo. T. Flowers, Jr.

Old Soldier Tortured.

"For years I suffered unspeakable torture from indigestion, constipation and liver trouble," wrote A. K. Smith, a war veteran at Erie, Pa., "but Dr. King's New Life Pills fixed me all right. They're simply great." Try them for any stomach, liver or kidney trouble. Only 25c at Paul Drug Co.

Mrs. Smiley, who was the wife of John Smiley, died in the White Oak precinct last Thursday morning. She was about seventy years old, and died with diseases incident to old age.

Next Thursday evening all the newly elected officers of Columbia Lodge, No. 230, I. O. O. F., are to be installed. Every member is urged to be present.

Solves a DecP Mystery.

"I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart," wrote C. B. Rader, of Lewisburg, W. V., "for the wonderful double benefit I got from Electric Bitters, in curing me of both a severe case of stomach trouble and of rheumatism, from which I had been an almost helpless sufferer for ten years. It suited my case as though made just for me." For dyspepsia, indigestion, jaundice and to rid the system of kidney poisons that cause rheumatism, Electric Bitters has no equal. Try them. Every bottle is guaranteed to satisfy. Only 50c at Paul Drug Co.

A great many new scholars entered the Lindsey-Wilson at the January opening, and they will continue to come for several weeks.

Tom Patteson has a very sore finger, caused from poison. He had it lanced Monday and was greatly relieved from pain.

I want mules from 4 to 10 years old, 14 to 16 hands high. Will be in Columbia next Monday. Henry Atsheler.

The Adair circuit court will open the third Monday in this month. Every thing will be in readiness.

Mr. John Eubank will please accept the thanks of the News for a very delicious Florida orange.

We understand that the Gradyville Bank will open for business about the 20th of this month.

All persons indebted to Staples & Stults for Millinery, will please call and settle.

The Graded School opened with an increased enrollment Monday morning.